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Deadline to apply for heating assistance is this Friday

Richmond, Va. – The deadline for low-income Virginians to apply for Fuel Assistance is this Friday, Nov. 9. Those who think they may qualify, especially the elderly and disabled, are encouraged to apply at their local department of social services by close of business on Friday. All households that meet the eligibility requirements and apply by the deadline will receive a heating assistance benefit.

Each year, the Virginia Department of Social Services' Energy Assistance Program helps approximately 100,000 Virginia households stay warm. The Fuel Assistance Program was created in 1979 and is funded by the federal Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) block grant. For more information on the Energy Assistance Program, visit VDSS' website at: www.dss.virginia.gov and select "Financial Assistance" or contact your local department of social services.

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The Virginia Department of Social Services administers social services programs, consistent with federal and state law and policy of the State Board of Social Services, through 120 local departments of social services throughout the state and its home office in Richmond. The VDSS mission is "People helping people triumph over poverty, abuse, and neglect to shape strong futures for themselves, their families and communities."

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